

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: JAMES IKEMEFUNA OKOH, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The West Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and James Ikemefuna Okoh, M.D. ("Dr. Okoh") freely and voluntarily enter into the following Consent Order pursuant to the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-3-14, et seq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dr. Okoh holds a license to practice medicine in the State of West Virginia, License No. 23341, issued in September 2008.
2. Dr. Okoh entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Florida Board of Medicine in June 2009 wherein he was fined \$5,000, required to reimburse the Florida Department of Health \$1,331.56 for administrative costs, required to complete twenty five (25) hours of community service, complete five (5) hours of continuing medical education in Risk Management, and present a one (1) hour lecture seminar on wrong site surgeries.
3. Dr. Okoh admits the above Findings of Fact and wishes to enter into this Consent Order in order to settle this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has a mandate pursuant to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act to protect the public interest. W.Va. Code § 30-3-1.

2. Probable cause may exist to substantiate charges against Dr. Okoh pursuant to W.Va. Code § 30-3-14 (c) (17) and 11 CSR 1A 12.1 (g), in that Dr. Okoh's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida was acted against or subjected to other discipline.

3. It is appropriate and in the public interest to waive the commencement of proceedings against Dr. Okoh and to proceed without the filing of formal charges in a Complaint and Notice of Hearing, provided Dr. Okoh enters into this Consent Order.

CONSENT

James Ikemefuna Okoh, M.D., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees solely and exclusively for purposes of this agreement and the entry of the Order provided for and stated herein, and the proceedings conducted in accordance with this Order, to the following:

1. Dr. Okoh acknowledges that he is fully aware that, without his consent here given, no permanent legal action may be taken against him except after a hearing held in accordance with W. Va. Code § 30-3-14 (h) and W. Va. Code § 29A-5-1, *et seq.*

2. Dr. Okoh further acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal hearing before the West Virginia Board of Medicine, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him.

3. Dr. Okoh waives all rights to such a hearing.

4. Dr. Okoh consents to the entry of this Order relative to his practice of medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.

5. Dr. Okoh understands that this Order is considered public information, and that matters contained herein may be reported, as required by law, to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

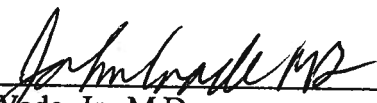
ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board, and on the basis of the Consent of Dr. Okoh, the West Virginia Board of Medicine hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

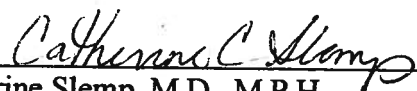
1. Dr. Okoh is PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for having his license acted against by the licensing authority in the State of Florida.

The foregoing Order was entered this 24th day of August, 2009.

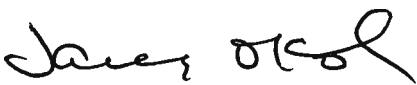
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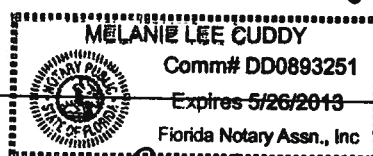
STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Hillsborough

I, Melanie Cuddy, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, do hereby certify that James Ikemefuna Okoh, M.D., whose name is signed on the previous page, has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 8 day of Aug, 2009.

My commission expires _____



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Melanie Cuddy
Notary Public